

Board of Youth Services  
Minutes  
November 8, 2017, 7:00 pm  
Whittemore Robbins House

Present: Justine Bloch, Carlene Newell, Kim Cayer, Kristen Barnicle, Mary DeCoursey, Roblyn Brigham, Lori Pescatore, Linda Suzuki, Hannah Simon

**Director's Report: (Linda)**

Thanked the board for all the hard work in putting on the Gala.  
Made an offer to a psychologist, have not heard back yet.

**Thanksgiving Drive: (Mary)**

Food Drive: Kim helping with outreach to schools. They are starting this week.

Distribution:

Outreach to families: Vicki helping. Have 55 families already. This list used to give information about hours of distribution but also for gift cards which will be handled separately on the day after the Food Pantry distribution.

We have not reached out to families of HS kids. Kim will contact Sara Lee and some other groups to see if they want to take this on.

Actual Distribution: Mary will send an email to board member so we can sign up for the various slots.

Gift cards: Board members who wish to contribute cards should get them in denominations of \$10 or \$20 from Stop and Shop and give them to Mary. Also Kim will ask Sara Lee if HS might want to solicit those as well.

**Parent Forums: (Carlene)**

Last one was on Sexual Abuse, 50-60 People  
Carlene read a list of future forums, all impressive.

**Gala Debrief: (Justine)**

Roblyn created a document to organize feedback some of which was shared at the meeting. This will be shared with board for further input and also to have for next year.

Profit \$25,000 which includes the highest take ever on the auction. Roblyn will share itemization.

Food and drink: please email Justine with information of any you took home so we will know where there was too much.

Hannah volunteered to write thank you notes for this and as needed in the future.

*Upcoming BYS Meeting Dates\*:*

January 10

February 7

March 14

April 11

May 9

June 13

\*Meetings are scheduled on the second Wednesday of each month unless there is a known conflict (i.e., October and Feb)